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1. In 1946 the Yugoslav Navy placed an order with the Aleksandar Rankovic Torpedo factory in Rijeka for the reconditioning of 100 Avio torpedoes. The order [redacted] was complied with in the summer of 1949 rather than in 1948 as had been anticipated. 50X1-HUM
2. Additional Orders [redacted] were placed with the factory for the reconditioning of 200 additional Avio torpedoes. This order was likewise filled in the summer of 1949. It was necessary however, to construct new stabilizers and lynch-pins for the torpedoes, and by the end of October 1950, 400 such stabilizers and lynch-pins were completed. As a consequence, some of the remaining incomplete torpedoes were turned over to the Navy and loaded on barges, and the necessary stabilizers were forwarded as they were completed. 50X1-HUM
3. In 1948 Order [redacted] was placed for the construction of 60 Avio torpedoes. This order was broken up in 1949 into two orders, one of which [redacted] for the construction of 40 Avio torpedoes as specified in the previous order, and the other [redacted] for the construction of the remaining 20 torpedoes. Construction of these torpedoes was begun in 1948, and with the exception of the steering conic gear, the screw propellers and the tails, which were in stock in the warehouse, new equipment was employed in the construction exclusively. By the end of October 1950, 50 such new torpedoes were completed. In the construction of the screw threads on all the torpedoes, the millimetric scale was used in place of the inch measure. The only exception was the axis of the core of the gyroscope which remained unchanged. [redacted] This order laid the basis for all future measurements in the construction of torpedoes in the Aleksandar Rankovic factory. 50X1-HUM
4. In the early part of December 1950, the factory was working on the reconditioning of 40 German 550 mm torpedoes. Practically all the gyroscopes were found to be in excellent condition.
5. In the construction of bearings for torpedoes, the steel currently used in the factory is the domestic OCR-A [redacted] 50X1-HUM

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6. In the latter part of November 1950, targets and rafts were being prepared for a 12,000 meter testing range.
7. Approximately 1,000 machines for the construction of projectiles for rifles and pistols were reconditioned in the workshops of the torpedo factory. The machines which are semi-automatic are of German manufacture. They were reportedly dispatched to Cacak after the work on them was completed. Fifty sets of fire fighting equipment using a foam chemical were hurriedly dispatched to Korcula in June 1950 for installation on torpedo motor boats. Designs for same were furnished by the General Shipbuilding Directorate in Susak.

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